EXHIBIT A

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- 1. A purified, isolated polynucleotide encoding the human chitinase amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.
 - 2. The polynucleotide of claim 1 which is a DNA.
- 3. The DNA of claim 2 comprising the protein coding nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- 4. A purified, isolated polynucleotide encoding amino acids 1 to 445 of SEQ ID NO: 2.
 - 5. The polynucleotide of claim 4 which is a DNA.
- 6. The DNA of claim 5 comprising nucleotides 65 to 1402 of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- 7. A purified, isolated polynucleotide encoding the human chitinase amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.
 - 8. The polynucleotide of claim 7 which is a DNA.
- 9. The DNA of claim 8 comprising the protein coding nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 10. A purified, isolated polynucleotide encoding amino acids 1 to 445 of SEQ ID NO: 4.
 - 11. The polynucleotide of claim 10 which is a DNA.
- 12. The DNA of claim 11 comprising nucleotides 90 to 1427 of SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 13. [AMENDED] A purified, isolated human polynucleotide encoding human chitinase selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a double-stranded DNA comprising the protein coding portions of the sequence set out in SEQ ID NO: 1;
- (b) a DNA which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a non-coding strand of the DNA of (a); and

- (c) a DNA which, but for the redundancy of the genetic code, would hybridize under stringent conditions to a non-coding strand of DNA sequence of (a) or (b).
 - 14. The polynucleotide of claim 13 which is a DNA.
 - 15. A vector comprising the DNA of claim 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, or 14.
- 16. The vector of claim 15 that is an expression vector, wherein the DNA is operatively linked to an expression control DNA sequence.
- 17. A host cell stably transformed or transfected with the DNA of claim 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, or 14 in a manner allowing the expression in said host cell of human chitinase.
- 18. A method for producing human chitinase comprising culturing the host cell of claim 17 in a nutrient medium and isolating human chitinase from said host cell or said nutrient medium.